against all the 49 persons in this case. However, 33 persons have filed criminal revision in the High Court; these are pending.

(d) does not arise, in view of (c) above.

Personal Staff of Ministers

227. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)the total number of personal staff appointed by the Ministers, Minister-wise and post-wise;

(b)the total expenditure being incurred on the personal staff;

(c)whether in view of economy, there is any move to reduce the personal staff;

(d)the total expenditure incurred on OTA of the personal staff, Minister-wise during the last one year; and

(c) the steps being taken to minimise the expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI R. JANARTHANAM): (a) and (b) The details of the scale of personal staff laid down for Ministers are indicated in the Statement (See below). Since the concerned administrative Ministries make appointments against the sanctioned posts on the personal staff of Ministers, the information regarding the total number of personal staff appointed by the Ministers, Minister-wise and post-wise, and also the total expenditure being incurred on the personal staff is not centrally compiled in this Ministry.

(c) The scale of personal staff for Ministers has been laid down on the basis of functional requirements. There is no specific proposal to reduce the personal staff.

(d) and (e) Expenditure on the personal staff of Ministers is met from the budget of individual Ministries. Information on the total expenditure incurred on OTA on the personal staff, Minister-wise, is not centrally maintained in this Ministry.

Statement

Normal Entitlement of Personal Staff for the Members of Union Council of Ministers.

S.No	Name of the post	Scale of Pay	Number of posts Admissible			
			Cabinet Minister	Minister of State (MOS) with Independent charge	Minister of State	Deputy Minister
1.	Private Secretary	(Rs. 14300—18300)/ Rs. 12000—16500)	1	1	1	1
2.	Additional P. S.	(Rs. 10000—15200)	2	1	1	—
3.	Assistant P. S.	(Rs. 6500—10500)	2	2	1	—
4.	First P. A.	(Rs. 6500—10500)	1	1	1	1
5.	Second P. A.	(Rs. 5500—9000)	1	2	2	1
6.	Hindi Steno	(Rs. 5000—8000)	1	1	1	—
7.	Clerk	(Rs. 3050—4590)	1	1	1	1

S.No.	Name of the post	Scale of Pay	Number of posts Admissible			
			Cabinet Minister	Minister of State (MOS) with Independent charge	Minister of State	Deputy Minister
8.	Driver	(Rs. 3050—4590)	1	1	1	l'
9.	Jamadar	(Rs. 2610—3540)	1	1	1	1
10.	Peon	(Rs. 2550—3200)	4	3	3	1
		TOTAL:	15	14	13	7

NB : (i) The posts of Assistent P. S. and First P. A. are included in Gr. A & B (merged) of the Central Secretariat Stenographers Service (CSSS). (ii) The posts of Second P. A. are included in the Gr. C of CSSS. (iii) The posts of LDC are included in L. D. Grade of the CSCS.

Waiting List for LPG Connections

228. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)the State-wise break-up of LPG applicants waiting for connections in various agencies;

(b)the State-wise break-up of LPG connections given in the last year; and

(c)by when the present waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The State-wise break-up of LPG applicants waiting for connection and the State-wise breakp-up of LPG connections given in the last year are given in the Statement *(Sec* below).

(c) Release of new connections for clearing of waiting list depends *inter-alia* upon product availability, slack available with the existing distributors, minimum sustainable allocation to newly commissioned distributors, unviable distributors etc. With the expected higher availability of LPG through imports, more connections are planned to be released in future and it is expected to clear the entire waiting list by year 2000-1.

Statement

(Figs, in Lakhs)

States	Statewise as of 1.4.98	Lis	Statewis during 1997-98	New
Andhta Pradesh	10.99		2.72	
Arunachal Pradesh	0.11		0.13	
Assam	2.08		0.60	
Bihar	4.89		0.71	
Delhi	7.11		2.11	
Goa	0.77		0.27	
Gujarat	6.84		3.44	
Haryana	4.30		1.14	
Himachal Pradesh	0.50		1.26	